

# Community Health Planning & Strategies Committee



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5:00 pm to 6:30 pm

Public Health

4041 North Central Avenue, Phoenix

14<sup>th</sup> Floor, Training Room

## Meeting Minutes

### **In Attendance**

AT Cheri Tomlinson      AT Debby Elliott      EX Don Welsh      AT Randall Furrow

### **Part A Program Staff**

AT Rose Conner      AT Kenneth Leighton-  
Boster

### **Guests**

Mark Kezios      Marge Samson      Edward Ornelas      Boni Lowney      Chavon Boston

**Support Staff:** John Sapero

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### **Welcome, introductions and declarations of any conflicts-of-interest**

Cheri Tomlinson called the meeting to order and welcomed the attendees. Everyone introduced him/her self and declared any conflicts-of-interest.

## **MEETING MINUTES** *continued*

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### **Determination of Quorum**

Cheri Tomlinson determined that quorum was established with three of four members in attendance at approximately 5:40 pm.

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### **Review of the minutes and action items from prior meetings**

Participants silently reviewed the summary minutes for the September 7, 2011 meeting. No corrections were voiced.

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### **Administrative Agent update**

Rose Conner discussed:

- The Part A program has finished the implementation of HRSA's Part A program standards
- A provider meeting was held during the previous week to review the new standards and discuss new policies and procedures
- The RFP for Outpatient Ambulatory Medical Care has been released
- The Direct Dental Services RFP has closed. Contracts should be in place on November 1<sup>st</sup>
- Centralized Eligibility began on October 3<sup>rd</sup>
- The Part A program will meet with clients at Joshua Tree Feeding Program to discuss potential changes in the service delivery for Nutritional Services

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### **Chair update**

No comments were voiced.

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### **Update: Oral Health Services**

- Current enrollment is 1,472 clients
- September was the first month for six-month renewals; 230 clients needed to renew, but only 120+ clients actually renewed on time. The Oral Health program is working to encourage renewals in a more timely manner. 220 clients are scheduled to renew in October. Clients are contacted to encourage them to utilize services or enroll/reenroll. Renewals trends will be tracked and reported to the committee
- \$118,000 in premiums were paid for September, but only \$75,000 in claims were paid out

## **MEETING MINUTES continued**

There was discussion regarding how to coordinate Oral Health Services reenrollment with the Centralized Eligibility office.

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### **ADAP Assist Update**

Cheri Tomlinson discussed that some MIHS clients have been confused by the Pre-existing Condition Insurance Program (PCIP) benefits package. Additionally, MIHS has been working with ADHS and the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF) to resolve direct billing issues. For example, clients who access care at MIHS community health centers (CHC) have been receiving bills from PCIP.

Rose Conner discussed that if the Part A program provides services while a client is awaiting acceptance to PCIP, and the client receives PCIP coverage that is retroactive to when the client was on Part A, the providers must refund Part A funds.

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### **AHCCCS Eligibility Update**

John Sapero discussed:

- 43,000 new clients were added to AHCCCS during the four months prior to the eligibility freeze
- The AHCCCS Care population fell by 592 clients in July due to the enrollment freeze on childless adults taking effect July 8<sup>th</sup>. AHCCCS had projected 17,000 for a full month
- The August AHCCCS client population report shows 10,648 childless adults were no longer enrolled

Committee members provided information about issues related to client disenrollment, misinformation and the impact on HIV positive clients, and the number of newly diagnosed clients that would have been eligible for comprehensive care via AHCCCS have had to be enrolled in Ryan White Part A services.

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### **Assessment of Inclusion of additional Service Activities for some Part A Services**

Cheri Tomlinson discussed that CMS had visited Arizona to meet with stakeholders to encourage enrollment in the Pre-Existing Condition Insurance Program (PCIP). A coalition is being formed to develop a plan to encourage enrollment in the program.

Rose related that Arizona has been moving forward with enrollment in PCIP more than other states, and local activities are being monitored closely by a variety of entities.

## **MEETING MINUTES *continued***

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### **Review of the Planning Council's Current Comprehensive Plan**

John Sapero provided an overview of the requirements of the 2012-2015 Comprehensive Plan.

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### **Agenda items for the next meeting**

- Comprehensive Plan
- PCIP/ADAP Assist
- Oral Health Program Update

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### **Current events summaries**

Marge Samson and Mark Kezios announced their desire to become members of the committee.

Cheri Tomlinson thanked everyone for their participation in AIDS Walk Phoenix.

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### **Call to the public**

No comments were voiced.

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### **Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:30 pm.